

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-11 were pending in this application. Claims 1-11 have been canceled. Claims 12-31 have been added. Hence, claims 12-31 are pending after entry of the amendments herein. Reconsideration of the subject application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 6,505,163 to Zhang, *et al.* (hereinafter "Zhang") and in view of the cited portions of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0183041 to Wallenius, *et al.* (hereinafter "Wallenius").

New claims 12-31 include limitations not taught or suggested by the cited references. Specifically, neither Zhang nor Wallenius suggest or teach the limitations of independent claims 12 and 27.

Claims 12 and 27 include, for example "detecting an Off-Hook Delay trigger. . . ." Neither of the cited references teach or suggest the use of Off-Hook Delay as a trigger. Zhang teaches a method "where the SSP switch 12 detects the feature code trigger." (c. 11, ll. 31, 32). Wallenius teaches a trigger "in response to an invocation generated when a particular identification condition is fulfilled." (p. 1, ¶ [0005]). No trigger mentioned in the cited references is an Off-Hook Delay Trigger.

Furthermore, claims 12 and 27 include "wherein the Off-Hook Delay trigger includes a forward-to number. . . ." Neither Zhang nor Wallenius teach or suggest a trigger which carries a forward-to number. Hence, for at least the foregoing reasons, claims 12 and 27 are believed to be allowable. The remaining claims depend from either claim 12 or claim 27 and are believed to be allowable, at least for the reasons stated above.

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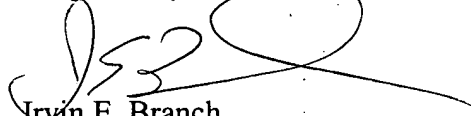
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this, Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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